



## News Release

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &  
Thunder Basin National Grassland  
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### **Forest Visitors Reminded of Access and Camping Options During Bike Race**

**(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.) Aug. 16, 2013** – Due to the closure of US Highway 40 over Rabbit Ears Pass for the 2013 USA Pro Cycling Challenge, Forest visitors should be aware that access to this part of the Routt National Forest will be temporarily affected. Closures are being coordinated with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and are expected to run between approximately 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21.

In addition to all Forest access roads which intersect Highway 40, this short-term closure will affect access to and from several popular picnic areas, campgrounds and trailheads accessed from the highway.

Race spectators who will be camping on the National Forest near the race course are reminded to contact the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District for details on acceptable dispersed camping locations and regulations. Campers are reminded of the following restrictions.

- Except in marked sensitive areas, dispersed camping is allowed in most locations.
- Campers should rehabilitate their dispersed site by removing fire rings, or not have campfires.
- No camping at the East Summit Parking Lots.
- No camping within 1/4 mile of Meadows or Dumont Lake Campgrounds, including the access road to Meadows Campground.

For information about alternative National Forest access points, developed recreation areas, or dispersed camping opportunities, contact the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District at 970-870-2299.

Routt National Forest information can also be found at <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland on Twitter, **@MBRNFsTBNG**.

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